Bringing Clean Energy Policy to Congress

Maryland Clean Energy Center and 60 National Organizations Create "Clean Energy Week" February 1-5, 2010

January 13, 2010 – Over 60 national organizations have partnered with to declare **February 1-5**, **2010 "Clean Energy Week."** The organizations are joining together to maximize efforts each is doing to move clean energy to the forefront of the national policy by acting in concert and working together to produce a high-impact week of powerful and effective activities and events

National Clean Energy Week will be a week of action on the part of NGOs, non-profits, associations, private corporations, and government agencies to **encourage and support the passage of the clean energy and climate policy now pending in Congress**. Clean Energy Week will consist of breakfasts, lunches, dinners, receptions, workshops, press conferences, rallies and outreach activities on Capitol Hill and across Washington, DC, sponsored individually by the participating organizations.

"There needs to be a broader discussion about how climate solutions, energy efficiency and renewable energy can work together towards a whole solution for the nation that has positive impacts on the economy,' said Kateri Callahan, President of the Alliance to Save Energy.

"Its about climate and energy being moved together under the Clean Energy title that must happen by mid-year or even earlier," said Jeff Anderson, President of Clean Economy Network

The specifics of the actions and details on how to participate will be coming early next week on a website that is currently under construction.

The founding organizations expressing an interest in Clean Energy Week are:

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Advanced Biofuels Association

Advanced Biofuels USA Ag-West Bio Inc.

Alliance for Affordable Energy
Alliance for Climate Protection

Alliance for Renewable Energy

Alliance to Save Energy American Coalition for Ethanol

American Council for an Energy-Efficient

Economy (ACEEE)

American Council On Renewable Energy

American Renewable Energy Day American Solar Energy Society American Wind Energy Association

Apollo Alliance

Association of Climate Change Officers

Association of Energy Engineers Biomass Coordinating Council Biomass Energy Resource Center Biomass Thermal Energy Council

Carthage Group

Center for American Progress Center for Resource Solutions Clean Air - Cool Planet

Clean Economy Network (CEN)

Clean Energy Group

Clean Energy States Alliance Clean Fuels Development Coalition

Climate Solutions
Energy Future Coalition

Environmental Law & Policy Center Geothermal Energy Association

Green Bank Coalition

Growth Energy

Interfaith Environmental Council Maryland Clean Energy Center

National Association of State Energy Officials

National Biodiesel Board National Hydrogen Association Natural Capital Solutions

Natural Resource Defense Council Ocean Renewable Energy Coalition

Pellet Fuels Institute

Peregrine Technology Partners

Planet2025 Network

Renewable Fuels Association

Sierra Club

Solar Electric Power Association Solar Energy Industries Association

Solar Energy International

Stella Group

StillWater Preservation Sustainable Energy Coalition

The Climate Group

U.S. Green Building Council Union of Concerned Scientists US Clean Heat & Power Association

US Fuel Cell Council USA Biomass World Team Now

Register for RETECH 2010 taking place in Clean Energy Week

One of the major events during Clean Energy Week is ACORE's <u>Renewable Energy and Technology Business Conference and Exhibition</u>, taking place in Washington, DC, February 3-5, at the Washington Convention Center. <u>Register today</u> to connect with decision makers from the Federal Government, financial world and other business leaders and investors.

A \$200 discount will be available to Clean Energy Week participants. Use discount code AC2010 when registering.

About the Maryland Clean Energy Center:

Created by an act of the Maryland General Assembly in 2008, the Maryland Clean Energy Center (www.mdcleanenergy.org) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to growing the state's clean energy economy. The Center, which is headquartered at the University of Maryland Shady Grove, is working to promote clean energy economic development; encourage deployment of clean energy technologies; assist newly developed technologies through pilot projects; collect, analyze and disseminate industry data; and provide outreach and technical support to further the clean energy industry in Maryland. The Center's program priorities range from technology commercialization and business incubation to workforce development and training, with the expectation these efforts will improve the health economy and environment of the State.

About Clean Energy Week:

Clean Energy Week is an unincorporated joint initiative of over 60 NGOs, Nonprofit groups, associations, companies and government agencies that wish to concentrate the voices of climate and clean energy on positive policy development and passage of legislation in 2010. Clean Energy Week takes place February 1-5, 2010. For more information, please see www.cleanenergyweek.org.